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1. The reported removal of Markos Vafiades from the Greek Rebel ranks has caused serious concern in the top Yugoslav hierarchy. To date, however, no definite public position has been taken.
2. The Yugoslav Minister of War has been holding up all shipments of arms and materiel destined for the Greek Rebels. The shipment of Swiss, Swedish and Belgian arms, which arrived in a Yugoslav port (either Sibenik or Fiume) on a Yugoslav vessel 31 January 1949, have not been forwarded to the Rebels. The arms include 20 flame throwers, 100 cases of ammunition, an unspecified number of infantry cannon, light and heavy machine guns and hand grenades.
3. Hitherto the bulk of financial and material assistance to Markos came from Yugoslavia at Soviet behest. The actual Soviet aid has been negligible and confined largely to that of sending technical advisers and Political Commissars.
4. The Tito-Kardelj policy in the past of furnishing aid to the Rebels has been consistently opposed by Alexander Rankovic.
5. The Ministry of War at Belgrade recently issued orders to all Yugoslavs in the Greek Rebel forces to return to Yugoslavia immediately, using any possible escape route.

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